

House Resolution 1802

By: Representatives Johnson of the 37th, Wix of the 33rd, Teilhet of the 40th, Golick of the 34th, and Manning of the 32nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Bethany United Methodist Church on the occasion of its 95th
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the seeds which were sown by the loving and humble efforts of the devoted
4 original worshipers of Bethany United Methodist Church have blossomed, establishing a rich
5 tradition and history; and

6 WHEREAS, organized in April of 1914 in the Grove Park neighborhood of Atlanta, Georgia,
7 Bethany United Methodist Church has grown in congregation size over the years, allowing
8 the Word of God to spread further throughout the community; and

9 WHEREAS, this church was a bulwark of Christian love and concern, serving the middle
10 class community of Northwest Atlanta through the Great Depression and rebuilding after a
11 fire destroyed the original structure in 1932; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1964, the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church offered
13 Bethany United Methodist Church land at the corner of Hicks and Hurt Road in Cobb
14 County, to continue their ministry in an area where a large number of their members had
15 moved; and

16 WHEREAS, the congregation met in the Richard Russell Elementary School until the
17 church's first structure of worship, known as the McGrady Building, was completed; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1970, a new and larger sanctuary was built as Bethany United Methodist
19 Church continued to grow and serve as the "Friendly Church at the Crossroad"; and

20 WHEREAS, the congregation of this church has compiled an unparalleled record of
21 constructive, compassionate, and humanitarian service which it demonstrates daily through
22 open minds, open hearts, and open doors; and

23 WHEREAS, in April of 2010, Bethany United Methodist Church will celebrate its 95th
24 anniversary with Homecoming events and worship services, inviting all current and former
25 members, friends, and community associates to celebrate on April 18, 2010; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message
27 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for its innumerable good works rendered
28 on behalf of persons in need.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize the rich history of Bethany United Methodist Church,
31 commend its 95 years of dedicated service to the Lord and community, and extend their
32 warmest best wishes for its continued growth and success.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Senior Pastor of Bethany
35 United Methodist Church, Reverend Terry L. Phillips, and the Chairperson of the Church
36 Council, Judge Kenneth O. Nix.